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Response to Office Action

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002 in the above-noted U.S. Patent Application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the Title, lines 1-3 of page 1, with the following replacement Title:

METHOD OF DETECTING A MICROBE IN A LIQUID WATER SAMPLE

Please replace the Abstract, on page 13 with the following replacement Abstract:

a! The invention relates to a method of determining the presence or absence of a target microbe in a liquid water sample, the method consisting of a) combining a liquid water sample and a powdered medium having at least one nutrient indicator, the nutrient indicator being selected from the group consisting of: orthonitrophenyl-B-D-glucuronide; B-naphthalamide-B-D-glucuronide; α -naphthol-B-D-glucuronide; and methylumbelliferyl-B-D-glucuronide, to form a mixture; b) incubating the mixture for a time sufficient to produce a detectable color signal



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed November 25, 2002;
2. Copy of IDS filed 4/1/02 and Copies of References 1-39, 41-45, 47, 48, 50-54 and 56-64 cited therein;
3. Copy of Supplemental IDS filed August 14, 2002 and Copy of the Single Reference Cited Therein;
4. Petition for One Months' Extension of Time;
5. Check in the amount of \$110.00 for the requisite fee; and
6. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 14098/1013.

A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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